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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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THERAPEUTIC AGENT AGAINST  
RADIATION-INDUCED INJURY

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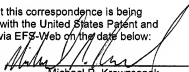
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

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